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NEWSPAPERS

1. WASHPOST: MARDER HAS TODAY'S FRONT PAGE LEAD STORY
HEADLINED: "KISSINGER HAS 3D? WORLD PLAN FOR TRIP."
AFTER INTENSIVE "DOWN TO THE WIRE" BARGAINING WITHIN
ADMINISTRATION, KISSINGER WILL PROPOSE AT UNCTAD A MULTI-
BILLION DOLLAR PLAN TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENT FROM
INDUSTRIAL WORLD TO HELP POOR NATIONS DEVELOP RAW MATERIALS
AND ENERGY. ORIGINAL US SHARE WAS TO HAVE BEEN \$200 MILLION

WHAT AFRICANS WANT MORE, MARDER SAYS, IS SUPPORT AGAINST
WHITE REGIMES STARTING WITH RHODESIA. REPORTERS WERE TOLD
IT WOULD BE A VERY DIFFICULT TRIP IF IMPATIENT AFRICANS
PRESENTED ULTIMATUMS TO KISSINGER WHO INTENDS TO LISTEN
FIRST AND THEN MAKE CAREFUL ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION.

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2. NYTIMES: KAUFMAN FROM NAIROBI SAYS MAJOR QUESTION FOR

AFRICAN LEADERS IS WHAT TANGIBLE SUPPORT KISSINGER WILL OFFER FOR AFRICAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS. TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA WILL PRESS HARD, EVEN FOR MILITARY BACKING. KISSINGER WILL NEED TO OFFER SOME FORM OF CREDIBLE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTER AID SOVIETS ARE PROVIDING.

WHILE AFRICAN LEADERS HAVE PUBLICLY GIVEN UP ON NEGOTIATED SOLUTION FOR RHODESIA, KISSINGER CONTINUES TO SUPPORT IT. ONE SLIM CHANCE FOR NEGOTIATION IS US SUPPORT FOR GUERRILLAS WHICH WOULD FORCE SMITH TO SEEK TERMS.

QUESTIONS: WHAT IF RHODESIA ATTACKS MOZAMBIQUE? WHICH BLACK FACTION IN RHODESIA SHOULD US SUPPORT? WITH WHICH LEADERS WILL KISSINGER MEET? WHICH AID REQUESTS WILL HE BE ABLE TO MEET?

WIRES

1. REUTER: IN LONDON KISSINGER SAID THAT AMBASSADOR BROWN HAS PLAYED AN ALMOST DECISIVE ROLE IN EFFORTS TO FORM A LEBANESE SECURITY FORCE FROM VARIOUS FACTIONS TO MAINTAIN ORDER WHILE THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS THERE GETS BACK ON THE TRACK. BROWN HAS BEEN PERHAPS ONLY ONE IN TOUCH WITH ALL FACTIONS. BUT KISSINGER WOULD NOT SAY IF PALESTINIANS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN SECURITY FORCE.

2. AP: SCHWEID - KISSINGER AND BRITISH AGREE ON FULL SUPPORT FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR NEGOTIATION SO OPPORTUNITY MUST BE SEIZED IMMEDIATELY, KISSINGER SAYS.

3. UPI: WITH TIME RUNNING OUT, IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN INTERESTS OF BOTH BLACK AND WHITE RHODESIANS. A SENIOR OFFICIAL ON THE PLANE SAYS US IS LEAVING OPEN OPTION OF GIVING INDIRECT AID TO BLACK LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, PERHAPS IN THE FORM OF ECONOMIC AID TO ESTABLISHED AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. BUT IF KISSINGER GETS ULTIMATUMS ABOUT AID TO GUERRILLAS, THE TRIP COULD PROVE DIFFICULT.

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1. WTOP RADIO: ELDRIDGE SPEARMAN & BERNARD KALB:
SPEARMAN: STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TRAVELLING WITH KISSINGER SAY HE WILL OFFER VIGOROUS US SUPPORT FOR BLACK LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF INDIRECT AMERICAN AID. KISSINGER IS NOW ON HIS WAY TO KENYA ..
BERNARD KALB WHO WAS WITH THE SECRETARY IN LONDON LAST NIGHT TAKES A LOOK AT THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP.

KALB: KISSINGER'S JOURNEY TO AFRICA IS AN OVERDUE EFFORT TO WIN THE CONFIDENCE OF A CONTINENT THAT HAS LONG FELT NEGLECTED BY WASHINGTON. 1970 WAS THE LAST TIME A

SECRETARY OF STATE VISITED AFRICA. THE SUDDEN US URGENCY ABOUT AFRICA IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE RECENT CONFLICT IN ANGOLA. US-BACKED FORCES LOST; RUSSIAN-BACKED FORCES, SUPPORTED BY CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY TROOPS, WON. FOR MANY AFRICANS, RUSSIAN AND CUBAN SUPPORT DOES NOT MEAN TURNING COMMUNIST. RATHER, COMMUNIST SUPPORT IS SEEN BY SOME AS A WEAPON TO TRY TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. KISSINGER'S BASIC CHALLENGE ON HIS SEVEN-NATION JOURNEY IS TO CONVINCE AFRICAN NATIONALISTS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO THEIR ASPIRATIONS. THEY WANT TO SEE CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF THAT SUPPORT THAT GOES BEYOND SIMPLE DECLARATIONS. KISSINGER WILL BE MAKING A MAJOR SPEECH IN ZAMBIA, BUT IT WILL BE MORE IN THE NATURE OF A CURTAIN-RAISER OF A U.S. AFRICAN POLICY. WHEN HE GETS BACK TO WASHINGTON AND REVIEWS HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS, THE US WILL ANNOUNCE WHAT KISSINGER CALLED 'AN INTEGRATED POLICY TOWARD AFRICA.'

2. CBS RADIO WORLD ROUNDUP: NEIL STRAWSER & BERNARD KALB FROM WADDINGTON AIR FORCE BASE:

STRAWSER: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, DURING AN OVERNIGHT STOP IN BRITAIN, MET WITH HIS SPECIAL ENVOY TO BEIRUT L. DEAN BROWN, AND SPOKE IN MODERATELY OPTIMISTIC TERMS OF THE LEBANESE SITUATION, KISSINGER STILL CALLING IT 'TENUOUS AND DELICATE.'

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THE SECRETARY THEN FLEW ON FROM WADDINGTON AIR FORCE BASE TOWARD KENYA, FIRST STOP ON HIS AFRICAN TOUR, BERNARD KALB PROVIDING A REVIEW.

KALB: THE KISSINGER JOURNEY REPRESENTS A HIGHLY VISIBLE EFFORT TO TRY TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME IN AMERICA'S RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA. NO SECRETARY OF STATE HAS VISITED THAT CORNER OF THE WORLD SINCE WILLIAM ROGERS WAS THERE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DECADE. IT TOOK THE US POLICY DEFEAT IN ANGOLA TO CATAPULT AFRICA INTO A HIGHER PRIORITY RANGE FOR US POLICY MAKERS. THE US SETBACK, PLUS THE SOVIET-CUBAN VICTORY, CONFRONTED THE UNITED STATES WITH THE FACT THAT IT HAD, IN EFFECT, BEEN OVERLOOKING A CONTINENT. THE SOVIET UNION, CHINA, THE MIDDLE EAST, ASIA AND EUROPE, AND VIET-NAM UNTIL 1973 -- ALL THESE

AREAS THAT PREOCCUPIED THE UNITED STATES. AFRICA, MEANTIME,
SIMMERED.

NOW, KISSINGER IS ENROUTE TO SOUTHERN AFRICA ON A 7-NATION
TOUR IN WHICH HE WILL SOUND A DOUBLE MESSAGE: THAT THE US
FAVORS BLACK MAJORITY RULE; THAT THE US OPPOSED ANY

REPETITION OF THE SOVIET/CUBAN PATTERN SET IN ANGOLA.

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